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PRESIDENT OF SECURITY COUNCIL FOLLOWING LETTER

APRIL 14 FROM PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION TRANSMITTED

BY LIBYAN ARAB REPUBLIC CHARGE:

QUOTE

LETTER DATED 13 APRIL FROM THE ACTING PERMANENT OBSERVER
OF THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION TO THE UNITED NATIONS
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

UPON INSTRUCTIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE PALESTINE
LIBERATION ORGANIZATION, I HAVE THE HONOUR TO REFER TO OUR LETTER
DATED 30 MARCH 1976 (S/12029) CONCERNING VIOLATIONS
AGAINST HUMAN RIGHTS AND RESOLUTIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS. THE
RACIST, ZIONIST FORCES OF OCCUPATION HAVE IN THE MEANWHILE REVEALED
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THE FOLLOWING DETAILS ABOUT THE ACQUISITION OF PALESTINIAN LANDS

UNDER DIRECT OR COVERT DURESS. ACCORDING TO A REPORT IN THE NEW YORK TIMES, APRIL 12:

1. SINCE 1967 ISRAEL HAS ACQUIRED EITHER THROUGH PURCHASE OR EXPROPRIATION "VAST AMOUNTS " OF LAND ON THE WEST BANK AND THE GAZA STRIP. LAST YEAR ALONE \$6.6 MILLION WERE SPENT ON LAND ACQUISITION BY THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT, EITHER THROUGH THE AGENCIES OF THE ISRAEL LANDS AUTHORITY OR THROUGH THE JEWISH NATIONAL FUND.

2. SCORES OF LAND TRANSACTIONS HAVE BEEN CONCLUDED PRIVATELY BETWEEN INDIVIDUAL ISRAELIS AND ARABS, MOSTLY IN THE JERUSALEM AREA. SINCE THESE DEALS ARE ILLEGAL UNDER ISRAELI LAW AND THEREFORE CANNOT BE REGISTERED, PARTIES INVOLVED OFTEN RESORT TO AN IRREVOCABLE POWER OF ATTORNEY IN PLACE OF A FORMAL DEED. ALTHOUGH THERE ARE NO RECORDS OF THESE TRANSACTIONS, ALL HAVE BEEN MADE IN ONE DIRECTION, FROM ARAB SELLER TO ISRAELI BUYER. "THERE IS NO EVIDENCE OF ANY INSTANCES OF ARABS BUYING LAND INSIDE ISRAEL."

3. LARGE TRACTS OF LAND ON THE WEST BANK AND IN GAZA HAVE BEEN EXPROPRIATED BY THE ISRAEL LANDS AUTHORITY. OFFERS OF COMPENSATION, ACCORDING TO THE NEW YORK TIMES, ARE "GENERALLY REFUSED".

4. TITLE TO ROUGHLY ONE SIXTH OF THE ENTIRE WEST BANK, FORMALLY HELD BY THE JORDANIAN GOVERNMENT, WAS ILLEGALLY "INHERITED" BY THE ISRAEL LANDS AUTHORITY BY VIRTUE OF ISRAEL'S AGGRESSION OF 1967.

5. THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT, THROUGH THE ISRAEL LANDS AUTHORITY, CONTROLS 80,000 ACRES OF LAND AS WELL AS OVER 10,000 BUILDINGS WHICH BELONG TO PALESTINIANS WHO WERE EXPELLED IN THE 1967 WAR AND THE AFTERMATH.

6. NINE MILES EAST OF JERUSALEM CONSTRUCTION HAS BEGUN ON AN INDUSTRIAL PARK. THE PARK WILL EXTEND OVER APPROXIMATELY 1,500 ACRES OF ARAB LAND, SITUATED IN THE MIDDLE OF 20,000 ACRE TRACT WHICH WAS CLOSED BY THE ZIONIST GOVERNMENT IN 1972.

I AM INSTRUCTED TO REQUEST THAT THE SECURITY COUNCIL ASSUME ITS RESPONSIBILITY AND POWERS CONFERRED UPON IT BY THE CHARTER TO PUT AN END TO SUCH ACTS AND TO SERIOUSLY CONSIDER THE TERMINATION OF THE OCCUPATION, WHICH IS LONG OVERDUE AND WHICH HAS ENGENDERED UNCLASSIFIED

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